

Definition of a Quality Trail Experience by Use Type

Workshop	User Type	Definition/Separate characteristics
		Well-marked loops with great scenery, shaded and with water and good footing; A focal point is preferred; A range of challenge for groups of 6-12 with good trailhead and good maps.; OK sharing with other users if they know/respect trail rules
Morganton	Equestrian	
Morganton	Equestrian	Beautiful Scenery
Morganton	Equestrian	Shaded Trails (summer)
Morganton	Equestrian	Well-marked
Morganton	Equestrian	Presence of water
Morganton	Equestrian	Loops- ideal trail ride, 20 miles or less tops
Morganton	Equestrian	Good footing for horses
Morganton	Equestrian	Range of challenge and distance (20 miles or less tops)
Morganton	Equestrian	Groups – 6 to 12 riders ideal
Morganton	Equestrian	Facilities – parking, restrooms
Morganton	Equestrian	Good maps of trails
Morganton	Equestrian	OK with other users – if courteous; they need to know trail rules
Morganton	Biking	Well-designed built and maintained; Single track loops
Morganton	Biking	Fun
Morganton	Biking	Solitude
Morganton	Biking	Signage on trails
Morganton	Biking	Trailhead facilities
Morganton	Biking	Clearing
Morganton	Biking	Varying options for difficulty
Morganton	Biking	Views
Morganton	Biking	Proximity
Morganton	Biking	Compacted surface
Morganton	Biking	Single track
Morganton	Biking	Challenge
Morganton	Biking	Loops
Morganton	Biking	Flow
Morganton	Biking	Design
		A well-designed, constructed and maintained trail that leads to and through a variety of destinations and provides a quality experience with loop options and connections.
Morganton	Hiking	
Morganton	Hiking	Flat
Morganton	Hiking	No big trees in trail
Morganton	Hiking	Sense of solitude
Morganton	Hiking	Access to trout streams
Morganton	Hiking	Access of different habitats
Morganton	Hiking	Well-graded
Morganton	Hiking	Good scenery
Morganton	Hiking	Mixture of quality habitat
Morganton	Hiking	Clean, free of litter
Morganton	Hiking	Well signed
Morganton	Hiking	No false leads
Morganton	Hiking	Adequate parking at trailheads
Morganton	Hiking	Well blazed
Morganton	Hiking	Well managed; good trail design
Morganton	Hiking	Well drained
Morganton	Hiking	No vandalism (e.g.: graffiti)
Morganton	Hiking	Narrow; single track
Morganton	Hiking	Loop trails
Morganton	Hiking	Opportunity for multi-day use
Morganton	Hiking	Opportunity to view wildlife (e.g.: bird watching, beaver ponds)
Morganton	Hiking	Maintained bridges and/or stream crossings
Morganton	Hiking	Safety; lack of crime
Morganton	Hiking	Destinations – panoramas, vistas
Morganton	Hiking	Connections to other trails
Morganton	Hiking	Long-distance trails
Morganton	Hiking	Trail Quality and Experience: <i>Destination as well as the journey</i>
	Common	
Morganton	Ground	Well-marked, Loops, Good footing, Well-designed, Variety of destinations, Range of challenge, Maintained

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		A sustainable backwoods experience emphasizing solitude/single-track: 1. good scenery (creeks, vistas), 10-15 miles; 2. loop trails offering a range of skill levels with big climbs and downhill. Also moderate climbs- good flow; 3. well marked trails/trailheads have adequate parking- can find them; 4. trails aren't shared with horses, but may use them on alternate days; trails that connect with towns. Governments work together to accomplish this.
Andrews	Biking	
Andrews	Biking	sustainable
Andrews	Biking	backwoods
Andrews	Biking	single-track
Andrews	Biking	don't have to brake/get off- good flow
Andrews	Biking	variety of scenery- creeks, vistas, big climb, downhill
Andrews	Biking	some bike trails- no horses
Andrews	Biking	consider alt. day trails
Andrews	Biking	solitude= 1-4 users
Andrews	Biking	range of skill levels
Andrews	Biking	good parking, marked trailheads
Andrews	Biking	keep "natural" technical features
Andrews	Biking	loop trails
Andrews	Biking	10-15 miles ideal; 20 best
Andrews	Biking	getting away
Andrews	Biking	well marked mile markers
		For trail users to get along- comm.(?) share the trails. Well maintained/marked trails with the opportunities for good views, length, locations and facilities, that can be enjoyed by all skill levels.
Andrews	Equestrian	
Andrews	Equestrian	water access
Andrews	Equestrian	loops
Andrews	Equestrian	Signage- clearly marked
Andrews	Equestrian	length- 12 mi; 2 day
Andrews	Equestrian	access
Andrews	Equestrian	backcountry; wilderness experience
Andrews	Equestrian	views
Andrews	Equestrian	base camp; access to camping
Andrews	Equestrian	3-4 ft wide
Andrews	Equestrian	variety of challenge
Andrews	Equestrian	good design for location
Andrews	Equestrian	variety of locations
Andrews	Equestrian	some opportunity for single use
Andrews	Equestrian	comprehensive system that connects
Andrews	Equestrian	wagon trails
		Hiking trails should offer escape to wild environments with many opportunities for loops/length, challenge, scenery, and good information on trail.
Andrews	Hiking	
Andrews	Hiking	Minimize user conflict thru design, education, etc.
Andrews	Hiking	well maintained
Andrews	Hiking	range of difficulty, but sustained grade
Andrews	Hiking	multi-day hikes/backpack
Andrews	Hiking	scenery
Andrews	Hiking	trailhead information/signs/maps
Andrews	Hiking	wildlife
Andrews	Hiking	trail condition; quality trail
Andrews	Hiking	solitude/quiet
Andrews	Hiking	clean/no litter
Andrews	Hiking	loop and connections
Andrews	Hiking	forest condition/old forest
Andrews	Hiking	parking
Andrews	Hiking	mile markers/directional signs- Wilderness and non-Wild
Andrews	Hiking	Bikers don't want to share- are there good reasons for this?
Andrews	Hiking	Safety; more emphasis on safety/do something now
Andrews	Hiking	Lots of design similarities, but with options; design/topo limits
Andrews	Hiking	1-way directional trails possibly
Andrews	Hiking	strong issue for economic development
Andrews	Hiking	Benton Mackaye- connect Wildernesses and WSAs.
Andrews	Hiking	AMC- wild trail stewardship- access training
Andrews	Hiking	Fontana- guest know where to go. Have great opportunities
Andrews	Hiking	Some best trails lost in winter- ex Tatham Gap Rd now closed to users
Andrews	Hiking	Some "vestige" trails on topo maps need to be removed.
		scenery, information/signs/maps, solitude/wilderness experience/backcountry, loops and connections, minimize user
Andrews	Ground	conflicts/share the trails, well maintained, range of difficulty/skill levels, good lengths, well marked

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		The opportunity to have adequate designated parking and facilities connected to a variety of safe, scenic stacked loop trails well maintained varying in length and challenge, with water and camping access.
Brevard	Equestrian	
Brevard	Equestrian	quality experience
Brevard	Equestrian	vistas, scenery, variety
Brevard	Equestrian	safety- footing, trail markings
Brevard	Equestrian	water- horses, scenic
Brevard	Equestrian	flora/fauna
Brevard	Equestrian	backcountry
Brevard	Equestrian	clean trail/trailheads
Brevard	Equestrian	facilities- restrooms
Brevard	Equestrian	variety of length with loops connecting to facilities; loops
Brevard	Equestrian	camp
Brevard	Equestrian	historical sites
Brevard	Equestrian	parking- minimum 15 trailers, with specified trailer parking; conflict with cars
Brevard	Equestrian	good relationship/respect between user groups- educating publics
Brevard	Equestrian	maintained trails- variety of width with ability to pass
Brevard	Biking	keys- single track, flow, intentional design, variety, different ability levels, wild, signage/blazing, users know trail etiquette.
Brevard	Biking	single track
Brevard	Biking	solitude
		intentional design- flow- better sight lines, rock berms, well-banked/sloped, technical, no-fly zones (TTF); dry, rideable crossing-
Brevard	Biking	bridges
Brevard	Biking	with friends (3-6)
Brevard	Biking	educate users- trail etiquette
Brevard	Biking	visible trailheads
Brevard	Biking	maps with trails
Brevard	Biking	rules of trails
Brevard	Biking	variety
Brevard	Biking	up to 15 mile loop- (5-50 miles) series of linked trails
Brevard	Biking	diverse ability levels, ages, groups
Brevard	Biking	wild!
Brevard	Biking	views, woods, creeks
Brevard	Biking	signage/blazing- intersections, levels
Brevard	Biking	unique for number of trails
Brevard	Biking	single direction- 1-way trails
Brevard	Biking	single use trails- Not Everyone!
Brevard	Biking	connectivity
Brevard	Hiking (Group 1)	A quality experience for hiking includes: variety of experiences; diversity of environments; safe, quality, well-maintained trails; and the preservation of the ecosystems.
Brevard	Hiking (1)	In the woods, remoteness
Brevard	Hiking (1)	scenery, points of interest
Brevard	Hiking (1)	diversity, native plants
Brevard	Hiking (1)	solitude, challenge, long distance
Brevard	Hiking (1)	intensity, steepness
Brevard	Hiking (1)	variety of trail experiences
Brevard	Hiking (1)	pristine water quality
Brevard	Hiking (1)	no trash
Brevard	Hiking (1)	proximity to water
Brevard	Hiking (1)	connectivity
Brevard	Hiking (1)	few blazes/signs
Brevard	Hiking (1)	well-marked trail
Brevard	Hiking (1)	safe, quality tread
Brevard	Hiking (1)	care of the land
Brevard	Hiking (1)	staying on trail
Brevard	Hiking (1)	socializing
Brevard	Hiking (1)	accessibility of trails
Brevard	Hiking (1)	fresh air
Brevard	Hiking (1)	maintenance of Wilderness areas

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		Accurate information available to hikers with good access and facilities. Trails with a variety of points of interest, features and distance, and levels of solitude or remoteness. Well maintained trails with adequate signage and blazing.
Brevard	Hiking (2)	
Brevard	Hiking (2)	viewshed; good scenery
Brevard	Hiking (2)	historical background/context
Brevard	Hiking (2)	access and parking
Brevard	Hiking (2)	loops
Brevard	Hiking (2)	accurate maps and guidebooks
Brevard	Hiking (2)	well maintained, i.e. proper drainage, trimming; decent tread conditions
Brevard	Hiking (2)	blends in with scenery
Brevard	Hiking (2)	lack of things moving faster than hikers
Brevard	Hiking (2)	sense of security (cell phone coverage)
Brevard	Hiking (2)	well designed trailheads- facilities at busy trailheads
Brevard	Hiking (2)	variety along trail; options of difficulty levels
Brevard	Hiking (2)	companionship
Brevard	Hiking (2)	exercise
Brevard	Hiking (2)	native plants & animals- birds
Brevard	Hiking (2)	quiet- absence of manmade noises- cars, etc; solitude; remote
Brevard	Hiking (2)	signage/blazing
Brevard	Hiking (2)	geocaching
Brevard	Hiking (2)	minimal evidence of human impact, ex sedimentation
Brevard	Hiking (2)	features- points of interest, i.e. water
Brevard	Common Ground	good access, variety of points of interest, well maintained, good signage/blazing, variety of lengths and challenge, safety, vistas & scenery, loops, education, well maintained trails, remote/wild, connectivity
Mars Hill	Equestrian	An accessible, sustainable, safe trail with adequate signage, loop opportunities and aesthetic experiences and adequate horse trailer parking. And more of them.
Mars Hill	Equestrian	sustainable tread; grade/slope
Mars Hill	Equestrian	loops
Mars Hill	Equestrian	separation of use by trail or days (point of disagreement on this)
Mars Hill	Equestrian	safety with multiple-use trails
Mars Hill	Equestrian	signage
Mars Hill	Equestrian	maps with trails
Mars Hill	Equestrian	aesthetics- pretty view
Mars Hill	Equestrian	trailer parking at trailheads
Mars Hill	Equestrian	well maintained- clear
Mars Hill	Equestrian	access to water
Mars Hill	Equestrian	education about animal behavior
Mars Hill	Hiking	More than "hiking"- many users; a variety of experiences based on trail level- for width, blazing and group size; natural scenery, i.e. "natural forest"- tranquility, water, vistas; some hiking only, some shared trails based on trail sustainability; user education is important- that we work together.
Mars Hill	Hiking	4-12 miles; 3-mile loop, connections; all day, 2-4 hours; 30-40 miles with distinct start and end points; shorter and longer opportunities
Mars Hill	Hiking	tranquility
Mars Hill	Hiking	natural beauty- old trees, left alone in natural state
Mars Hill	Hiking	feeling of accomplishment
Mars Hill	Hiking	communing with nature
Mars Hill	Hiking	vistas, streams
Mars Hill	Hiking	wildlife
Mars Hill	Hiking	diverse terrain & elevations
Mars Hill	Hiking	blazes at junctions; more primitive trails need better blazing
Mars Hill	Hiking	group size 2 + dog, up to 6, depends on the trail, 10-18
Mars Hill	Hiking	volunteer trail maintenance opportunities with lots of volunteers
Mars Hill	Hiking	better marking (3-5 mile range) for newcomers
Mars Hill	Hiking	other uses of trail can diminish experience- horse poop, depends on the trail and trail design
Mars Hill	Hiking	bikers rarely notify hikers
Mars Hill	Hiking	biker education
Mars Hill	Hiking	nice to be able to refer to trails designed for their specific use
Mars Hill	Hiking	there's value to multi-use trails because it brings more users in and more input into sustainability discussions
Mars Hill	Hiking	there's a variety of "hikers"- rock climbing, birding, x-country skiing, photography, foraging, trail running, llama trekking, backpacking, trail maintenance, dog walking
Mars Hill	Biking	A variety of trails that provide option of difficulty/skill, distance and accessibility.
Mars Hill	Biking	Year-round connectivity
Mars Hill	Biking	variety of lengths and of the trails
Mars Hill	Biking	connectivity- not on roads- paved, gravel
Mars Hill	Biking	views
Mars Hill	Biking	well designed- narrow tread, closed corridor, single track
Mars Hill	Biking	challenging skill level
Mars Hill	Biking	keep trails proportionate to user group
Mars Hill	Common Ground	sustainable, loops, signage/well-marked, pretty views, education, variety in trails

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Franklin	Biking	A quality experience is environmentally friendly, has good access, offers riders the opportunity to choose a variety of trails and skill levels.
Franklin	Biking	A quality experience is long, technical, scenic, single-track with incredible flow and with options that provides a peaceful, stress-relieving, meditative experience for the whole family.
Franklin	Biking	logs, rocks, jumps, bumps; technical challenges; loops; flow
Franklin	Biking	good drainage
Franklin	Biking	peace; speechless; stress relieving; meditative; solitude
Franklin	Biking	options; versatile; some flat
Franklin	Biking	fun; sweet; killer; survived; rush; adrenaline
Franklin	Biking	access/convenient
Franklin	Biking	signage
Franklin	Biking	scenery
Franklin	Biking	no manure
Franklin	Biking	clearing overhead
Franklin	Biking	distance; overnight treks
Franklin	Biking	groups; family
Franklin	Biking	single track
Franklin	Biking	backcountry; remote
Franklin	Hiking	Favorite trails- Black Balsam, Sams Knob, MTS, Fires Creek/Rim Trail, Boulevard (GSM near Newfound Gap), Bartram, Snowball (Snowbird?), Tsali
Franklin	Equestrian	Good trailhead design with adequate parking for trailers and adequate signage. Well-maintained loop trails with water access that has beautiful scenery/vistas/creeks/falls. Availability of wagon opportunities.
Franklin	Equestrian	access
Franklin	Equestrian	safety- footing
Franklin	Equestrian	scenery
Franklin	Equestrian	single track
Franklin	Equestrian	signage
Franklin	Equestrian	tie-ups
Franklin	Equestrian	horse camp options
Franklin	Equestrian	wagon options- use of existing roads
Franklin	Equestrian	loops
Franklin	Equestrian	water- camping, for horses; access
Franklin	Equestrian	various lengths; challenge opportunities
Franklin	Equestrian	NPS model- Adam (?)
Franklin	Equestrian	good trailhead design; parking for trailers
Franklin	Equestrian	Good examples- South Mountain, Whetstone, Tsali, Standing Indian, Nolands Creek/Deep Creek- NPS model
Franklin	Hiking	Minimal to considerable blazing- junctions, using carsonite; some wilderness needed/more for runners. trailheads- signing for complex; maps; information, regulations, etiquette, hunting info, toilets, clear parks. Signs to find trailheads. Setting includes vistas, streams, waterfalls. A variety of difficulty, seasonal changes, loops/trail networks.
Franklin	Hiking	Exercise
Franklin	Hiking	wildflowers, moss, mushrooms, berries; forest products
Franklin	Hiking	views
Franklin	Hiking	viewing nature; plants & animals
Franklin	Hiking	education; internet maps
Franklin	Hiking	exploring; a challenge; accomplishment
Franklin	Hiking	spirituality; solitude; feeling restored
Franklin	Hiking	group size 1-2, 4, 15-20, depending on activity
Franklin	Hiking	trail maintenance; a better trail
Franklin	Hiking	no litter
Franklin	Hiking	safety- footing
Franklin	Hiking	provides solitude
Franklin	Hiking	primitive; no cell phones; natural experience
Franklin	Hiking	Some hike-only trails
Franklin	Hiking	Range of 1-2 miles per hour to 10+ miles for a full day.
Franklin	Hiking	fellowship
Franklin	Hiking	see something new
Franklin	Hiking	a destination
Franklin	Hiking	variety w/in "hikers" including trails as access to activities- bird watching, photography, fishing, dog walking, geocaching, running, backpacking, , hunting, rock climbing, swimming
Franklin	Common Ground	challenges, loops, options, access, scenery

Common Ground Between Users Mission Statement Comparisons

Morgantc all	education, access, maintenance/willingness to help, sustainability/stewardship
Morgantc Group 1	Access Little conflict with user groups if they are educated; Education opportunities needed; education & training;
Morgantc Group 1	Environmental education – when to use or avoid trails
Morgantc Group 1	Maintenance; Willingness to assist with maintenance
Morgantc Group 1	Sustainability
Morgantc Group 1	Stewardship
Morgantc Group 1	Range of experiences
Morgantc Group 1	Getting kids in the woods
Morgantc Group 2	Trailhead access/facilities
Morgantc Group 2	Trail marking; Mark/designate level of difficulty
Morgantc Group 2	Map/Info
Morgantc Group 2	Loops
Morgantc Group 2	NPS and USFS talk
Morgantc Group 2	Maintenance in all – need everyone; All want to help; Communicate what FS wants with maintenance
Morgantc Group 2	Education need/training (SAWS); Training
Morgantc Group 2	Play outside
Morgantc Group 2	Advocacy for more trails
Morgantc Group 2	Sustainability/stewardship
Morgantc Group 2	NEPA getting done
Morgantc Group 3	Access; preservation of access
Morgantc Group 3	Not a conflict of use
Morgantc Group 3	Preservation of wilderness character vs. cycling use (bikes as machines)
Morgantc Group 3	Level of trail maintenance in Wilderness; assistance with maintenance; No big trees across trails
Morgantc Group 3	Group size in Wilderness
Morgantc Group 3	Disagreement on designation of WSAs
Morgantc Group 3	Trail use during hunting season
Morgantc Group 3	Environmental education – when to use or avoid trails; Teach trail etiquette; Need for education/opportunities
Morgantc Group 3	Getting kids in the woods
Morgantc Group 3	Range of group size, challenge
Andrews all	maintenance, stewardship, sustainability
Andrews Group 1	Camp opportunities out on the trail for all use types, including bikes
Andrews Group 1	Growth in eco tourism
Andrews Group 1	opportunity for connections from other lands
Andrews Group 1	inspire interest and stewardship of Wilderness
Andrews Group 2	time to get to work trail maintenance is important to all user groups; volunteer coordinator needs to consider multiple use trail
Andrews Group 2	maintenance; responsibility for maintenance
Andrews Group 2	need to address user conflicts, i.e. horse-bike
Andrews Group 2	outdoors (as common ground)
Andrews Group 2	opportunity for solitude
Andrews Group 2	sustainability
Andrews Group 2	people coming together to achieve common goals
Andrews Group 2	conservation
Andrews Group 2	education- planning, trail users
Andrews Group 3	County Mounties train for search & rescue- crowd control
Andrews Group 3	SAMBA promotes & builds sustainable trail systems
Andrews Group 3	AVI- econ dev- grants for trails, parks- links to forest
Andrews Group 3	Riders- concerned they're losing trails due to lack of maintenance
Andrews Group 3	build connections/loops across legal boundaries

Common Ground Between Users Mission Statement Comparisons

Brevard	all	conservation/protection/sustainability, education/interpretation/communication, service, enjoyment/recreation, safety, natural resources, partnership, maintenance
Brevard	Group 1	enjoyment/recreation
Brevard	Group 1	serving the public
Brevard	Group 1	safety
Brevard	Group 1	natural resources
Brevard	Group 1	partnership
Brevard	Group 1	sustainability/protection
Brevard	Group 1	maintenance
Brevard	Group 1	education/interpretation
Brevard	Group 4	Protect/conservation/sustainability
Brevard	Group 4	Quality of life
Brevard	Group 4	Places we love; user experience/inspiring
Brevard	Group 4	tourism- economic opportunities
Brevard	Group 4	Communication/education
Brevard	Group 4	service
Brevard	Group 4	diversity
Brevard	Group 4	productivity
Brevard	Group 4	wild character
Brevard	Group 2	Growth
Brevard	Group 2	fun/enjoyment/recreation
Brevard	Group 2	resource sharing/partnerships
Brevard	Group 2	serve citizens
Brevard	Group 2	training
Brevard	Group 2	safety
Brevard	Group 2	search & rescue
Brevard	Group 2	challenges
Brevard	Group 2	environmental protection/ conserve & protect /stewardship/sustainability/conservation
Brevard	Group 2	solutions
Brevard	Group 2	maintenance
Brevard	Group 2	explore
Brevard	Group 2	travel & tourism
Brevard	Group 2	communication/interpretation/education
Brevard	Group 3	conservation/wise resource use/protection
Brevard	Group 3	youth in woods
Brevard	Group 3	safety
Brevard	Group 3	bring groups together outdoors/socializing
Brevard	Group 3	protect natural beauty
Brevard	Group 3	support horse use/access
Brevard	Group 3	quality recreation
Brevard	Group 3	education/future development of users
Brevard	Group 3	search & rescue training
Brevard	Group 3	trail construction/maintenance
Brevard	Group 3	volunteer
Brevard	Group 3	partnership

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Mars Hill all	Enjoy wildlife associated recreation, connectivity, volunteers/partnerships and communities, public awareness/education, economic impact, conservation, build & maintain trails, advocacy, cultural and recreational considerations, with future generations of use in mind.
Mars Hill Group 2	risk management
Mars Hill Group 2	Advocacy
Mars Hill Group 2	partnership; fellowship
Mars Hill Group 2	diversity
Mars Hill Group 2	interpretation/education- plan & implement all-encompassing programs
Mars Hill Group 2	maintain; build and maintain trails
Mars Hill Group 2	foster & develop innovative solutions for enhancing experience
Mars Hill Group 2	act as stewards; protect; conservation of natural resources
Mars Hill Group 2	heritage
Mars Hill Group 2	sustainable
Mars Hill Group 2	maintain recreation access
Mars Hill Group 2	volunteer
Mars Hill Group 2	connections to natural treasures
Mars Hill Group 2	simple footpath
Mars Hill Group 1	enjoy wildlife associated recreation
Mars Hill Group 1	challenging experiences
Mars Hill Group 1	personal growth
Mars Hill Group 1	enhance experience
Mars Hill Group 1	worldwide and local focus
Mars Hill Group 1	connectivity
Mars Hill Group 1	bringing together volunteers and communities
Mars Hill Group 1	public awareness
Mars Hill Group 1	economic impact/changes
Mars Hill Group 1	historic value
Mars Hill Group 1	promotion of our resources
Mars Hill Group 1	conservation
Mars Hill Group 1	Wilderness and wild character
Mars Hill Group 1	advocacy
Mars Hill Group 1	collaboration between research and others
Mars Hill Group 1	all-encompassing recreation
Mars Hill Group 1	all ages included
Mars Hill Group 1	plan and implement activities
Mars Hill Group 1	build & maintain trails
Mars Hill Group 1	maintaining resources
Mars Hill Group 1	cultural and recreational considerations
Mars Hill Group 1	keep public lands open
Mars Hill Group 1	education
Mars Hill Group 1	horse use is included- allow access
Mars Hill Group 1	sustain resources
Mars Hill Group 1	health and productivity of the land
Mars Hill Group 1	conserve wildlife resources/habitats
Mars Hill Group 1	provide programs & opportunities for hunters and fishers.
Mars Hill Group 3	maintenance
Mars Hill Group 3	multi-age
Mars Hill Group 3	multi-use
Mars Hill Group 3	getting people outdoors
Mars Hill Group 3	trail development
Mars Hill Group 3	land access
Mars Hill Group 3	trail preservation
Mars Hill Group 3	enjoyment

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Franklin	all	volunteering, sustainability/conservation, education, advocacy, maintenance, tourism/visitors
Franklin	Group a	volunteering
Franklin	Group a	inspire; joy
Franklin	Group a	wild places
Franklin	Group a	Southern Appalachians
Franklin	Group a	Sustainability; conservation; protect
Franklin	Group a	diversity
Franklin	Group a	advocacy
Franklin	Group a	learning; training
Franklin	Group a	service
Franklin	Group a	risk management
Franklin	Group a	partnerships; community
Franklin	Group a	all-lands
Franklin	Group a	plants/animals; natural resources
Franklin	Group a	memorial
Franklin	Group a	cultural; historical
Franklin	Group a	maintenance
Franklin	Group a	recreation opportunities
Franklin	Group a	quality experience
Franklin	Group a	tourism
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Franklin	Group b	Search & Rescue
Franklin	Group b	promote hiking and horse trails
Franklin	Group b	conserve natural resources
Franklin	Group b	improve recreation quality
Franklin	Group b	serve visitors/community
Franklin	Group b	volunteer
Franklin	Group b	trail maintenance
Franklin	Group b	partnerships/collaborative
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Franklin	Group c	promote equine advocacy
Franklin	Group c	serving cyclists
Franklin	Group c	historical values/cultures- especially Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Franklin	Group c	trail maintenance/stewardship
Franklin	Group c	plant knowledge
Franklin	Group c	trail access
Franklin	Group c	tourism
Franklin	Group c	wildlife conservation
Franklin	Group c	government support- volunteers
Franklin	Group c	resource preservation
Franklin	Group c	research
Franklin	Group c	inspire
Franklin	Group c	search & rescue
Franklin	Group c	support businesses/communities
Franklin	Group c	education
Franklin	Group c	hiking advocacy
Franklin	Group c	protect Wilderness

Defining Sustainability Within a Trail Maintenance Context

	Creating and maintaining conditions where humans and nature can coexist; fulfilling social, economic, managerial and environmental requirements of present and future generations
Morganton	Ecological – minimal impacts
Morganton	Social sustainability
Morganton	Managerial
Morganton	Other things at stake besides generations of humans
Morganton	The word “requirements” is an issue
Morganton	“Physical robustness”
Morganton	Trail types that fit their surroundings
Morganton	Collaboration
Morganton	Ability to adapt
Morganton	Minimizing resource damage (erosion, sedimentation, disturbance)
Morganton	“without degradation to the environment that the trail is traversing...”
Morganton	User commitment to create a sustainable equilibrium
Morganton	Ability of trail to mitigate what Mother Nature throws at it but minimize user impacts
	Creating and maintaining conditions where humans and nature can thrive; fulfilling social, economic, environmental and maintenance requirements of present and future generations
Andrews	Consider preserving aesthetic value.
Andrews	Create easy opportunities for people to get involved- help maintain
Andrews	If sustainable, requires less maintenance
Andrews	teach future generations about sustainability and stewardship
Andrews	looking for the maximum quality experience, not just "coexist".
	Creating, identifying and maintaining conditions with minimal effort/work where humans and nature can thrive; fulfilling social, cultural, economic, environmental and maintenance balance of needs of present and future generations
Brevard	Promote/learn to share the trails
Brevard	Requires education & recruitment- next generation
Brevard	More accessible volunteer opportunities and communicate these opportunities.
	Creating and maintaining local and societal/internal and external conditions where humans coexist with and as a part of nature; fulfilling social, economic and environmental requirements of present and future generations.
Mars Hill	Sustainable trail-easy & more maintainable
Mars Hill	little impact on environment to preserve for future generations
Mars Hill	preservation- natural and historical resources
Mars Hill	varying types and locations of trails and context matching use and/with setting
Mars Hill	cultural value
Mars Hill	best management practices
	Creating and maintaining conditions where humans and nature can coexist; fulfilling social, economic, environmental protection of present and future generations.
Franklin	If sustainable, requires less maintenance; sustainable design from the beginning
Franklin	Add quality experience
Franklin	Ability to foster and develop future stewards.
Franklin	"Requirements" is too restrictive as they change over time.

Resources Available for Trail Management

Workshop Humans/volunteers

Brevard	field days by grade
Morganton	School Groups
Morganton	Carolina Climbing Association
Franklin	summer camps
Franklin	under served communities
Franklin	NC Parks & Rec
Franklin	local community college outdoor programs
Brevard	retirees
Brevard	school systems
Morganton	National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance
Franklin	Southeastern Foottrails Coalition
Franklin	Metro areas- eg. Nashville Green Clubs
Brevard	Coop Weed Management partners
Brevard	Boy and Girl Scouts
Andrews	Blue Ridge Natural Heritage Area
Brevard	churches
Brevard	prison/Dept of Corrections
Mars Hill	new uses of volunteers
Franklin	Natl. Wild Turkey Federation
Brevard	summer camps
Franklin	American Hiking Society
Brevard	Trout Unlimited
Brevard	4H
Mars Hill	hunters
Andrews	Trail runners
Morganton	McDowell Trails Association
Franklin	4-H
Mars Hill	colleges, universities, high schools
Brevard	
Andrews	Carolina Mountain Club
Brevard	Job Corps- Schenck and others
Franklin	Job Corps- Schenck and others
Mars Hill	scouts
Brevard	
Andrews	NC Horse Council
Morganton	Boy and Girl Scouts
Brevard	colleges
Franklin	NC Bear Hunters Association
Morganton	
Mars Hill	friends groups- Pisgah Trails
Andrews	National Park Service
Andrews	GA & TN National Forests
Morganton	
Morganton	
Franklin	Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Assoc
Morganton	
Mars Hill	health & wellness communities
Franklin	Trout Unlimited
Morganton	Carolina Climbers Coalition

Grants

National Recreation Area designation
National Forest Foundation
Carolina Horse Council
TVA settlement money
Health Insurance companies (BCBS)
NOC
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
concessionaires
Sierra Nevada Brewery
Bikes Belong
NC Dept of Energy
Macon County Parks and Rec
specialty license plates
global, regional governments
National Forest Foundation
hunting/fishing organizations
Corporate partnerships
Americans with Disabilities funds
NFWF
NC Horse Council
REI
timber sale receipts
health grants
AARP
Alcoa
Am Hiking Society
Cabella's
carbon sequestration funds
chambers of commerce
Clean Water grants
congressional- RTP- USFS apply for them
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Ecotourism industry
foundation grants- NFF, NFWF
Golden LEAF Fndt NC
IMBA
increase user fees
LL Bean
Lowes Foundation
motorized use fees- mixed use, excess funds
Natl. Environmental Education Foundation
NC Parks and Rec Trust Fund
NC state grants – tied to water
improvements, etc.
Outdoor Industry Association
Outdoor Industry- eg. TREK Specialized
REI
RTP grants
Sierra Nevada Brewery
Specialized Bicycles

Econ/Demographic

American Camping Association
American Trails
Blue Ridge National Heritage Areas
census
chambers
city data website
Duke Energy
Fee collection data
FS Research
Headwaters Institute
Headwaters Institute
Health & Human services/DSS
impact numbers
long distance runners
NC Dept of Commerce
NCSU work with state parks
OIA, tourism
Regional economic development groups
TDA
Tourism and Development Associations

tourism departments
trail counters
UNCA

Resources Available for Trail Management

Morganton		Trout Unlimited
Brevard		TVA grants
Andrews	Hunters	TVA settlement money
Brevard		TVA state and USFS settlement \$
Andrews	Anglers	Water quality grants
Franklin	Alternative spring break college programs	
Franklin	American Whitewater Association	
Franklin	Chambers of commerce	
Franklin	churches	
	Disposable income spent on trail access	
Franklin	Great Outdoors Initiative	
Franklin	Land Trust for the Little Tennessee	
Franklin	Land trusts, water futures, others	
Franklin	Leave No Trace	
	Listserve for contacts	
Franklin	media/outreach	
Franklin	NC Horse Council	
Franklin	No Child Left Inside	
Franklin	school groups	
Franklin	scouts	
Franklin	Trails To Every Classroom (ATC)	
Andrews	Urban Forest Service	